

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the end of subtitle F of title VI, add the following
new section:

1 SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM ON SCHOOL HARDENING IN DE-
2 PARTMENT OF DEFENSE SCHOOLS.

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 180
4 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
5 retary of Defense, acting through the Director of the De-
6 partment of Defense Education Activity, shall carry out
7 a pilot program under which bulletproof safe-rooms and
8 hallway systems are constructed in schools operated by the
9 Activity.

10 (b) ELEMENTS.—Under the pilot program, the Sec-
11 retary of Defense shall—

12 (1) install NIJ defined Level III armored rooms
13 and hallway systems in 10 schools operated by the
14 Department of Defense Education Activity in the
15 continental United States, five of which shall be in
16 the Mid-Atlantic district and five of which shall be
17 in the Southeast District;

1 (2) select schools for the participation in the
2 pilot program in direct consultation with the Direc-
3 tor of the Activity based on—

4 (A) school construction and renovation
5 planning;

6 (B) school size and classroom feasibility;
7 and

8 (C) such other criteria as the Secretary
9 and Director determine appropriate;

10 (3) ensure that armored rooms installed under
11 the program are of sufficient size to accommodate
12 the maximum number of students in the given class-
13 room;

14 (4) install rooms capable of being deployed by
15 school personnel with little to no training or edu-
16 cation required; and

17 (5) ensure that such rooms are wheelchair ac-
18 cessible.

19 (c) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out the
20 pilot program under this section shall terminate five years
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

22 (d) REPORT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
24 after completing construction under the program at
25 the first school selected for participation, the Direc-

1 tor of the Department of Defense Education Activity
2 shall submit to the congressional defense committees
3 a report on the results of the pilot program in such
4 school.

5 (2) ASSESSMENT.—The report under paragraph
6 (1) shall include an assessment of the psychological
7 effects of the safe-rooms in the school to determine
8 if such effects are positive, neutral, or negative with
9 respect to the school population.

10 (3) CONSULTATION.—The assessment under
11 paragraph (2) shall be based on subjective feedback
12 from—

- 13 (A) teachers;
14 (B) administrators;
15 (C) school psychologists (if applicable);
16 (D) students; and
17 (E) parents.

